



GRANT RECIPIENT
CITY OF MICHIGAN CITY

YEAR
2011

COUNTY
LA PORTE

CATEGORY
PLANNING/COORDINATION/
MANAGEMENT

GRANT AWARD
\$20,000

LOCAL SHARE
\$20,000

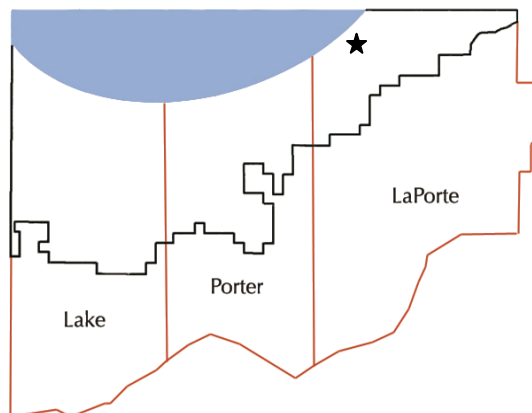


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Esplanade Management Plan

The purpose of this project was to conduct an ecological survey and subsequent restoration plan for the area locally known as the Esplanade. This area consists of 66 acres of duneland habitat in multiple stages of succession and includes an additional 40 acres of shoreline beach, located in Michigan City. The area begins adjacent to Fedder's Alley in Washington Park and continues north along Lakeshore Drive to the northern city limits. This survey and restoration plan provided the necessary guidance to begin the long process of restoring and then protecting the esplanade. This plan addressed the issue of establishing a baseline ecological way to manage the esplanade due to increased pressure from adjacent property owners requesting that the city maintain this land. The plan also included establishing methods to preserve this area as recreational use continues to rise.



RESULT: A management plan for Esplanade.